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Please add the following paragraph on page 1, before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION SECTION:

--This is a divisional of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/480,837, filed January 10, 2000, titled: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING VARIABLE-SIZED DATA SLOTS WITH TIMESTAMP COUNTERS WITHIN A TDMA FRAME, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/393,122, filed September 10, 1999, titled: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING VARIABLE-SIZED DATA SLOTS WITHIN A TIME DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS FRAME.--